

**Pre-Shipment Documentation  
Procedure**

4771. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new standardised pre-shipment documentation procedure which came into force from October 1, 1991 is adversely affecting the exporters;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make it easier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The new procedure will be reviewed bi-monthly by the Export Facilitation Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director General of International Trade, set-up in the Office of DGIT by meeting the representatives of the exporting organisations, customs department and the administrative ministries and departments.

**Widening of Mumbai-Ahmedabad  
Section of National Highway No. 8**

4772. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey to widen the Mumbai-Ahmedabad section of National Highway No. 8 to four lanes has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). Survey and Investigations along National Highways for four laning is a continuing activity being taken up in phases for advance planning, fixation of alignment, project preparation etc. Out of the 502 km length of NH 8 from Mumbai to Ahmedabad, 35 kms are already four-lane and widening to four lanes is in progress in various stages in 101 kms. In addition, surveys for 4-laning have been completed in different sections aggregating to 86 kms. estimates for these works are yet to be finalised and sanctioned. As such, it is too early to indicate the date of their start.

[Translation]

**Recruitment in Armed Forces**

4773. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed for recruitments made in the various wings of the Army, Navy and the Air Force in the country during the first eight months of the year 1991;

(b) whether written tests were held for these recruitments;

(c) if so, the medium of examinations; and

(d) whether option of Indian languages, particularly Hindi was given?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d). A statement is attached.

**STATEMENT**

The procedure followed for the recruitment of Other Ranks in the Army and Navy is as given below:-

An Application system has been introduced for recruitment of Other Ranks. Under this system, a candidate has to apply directly to the concerned Zonal Recruitment Office (ZRO) where the applications will be short-listed on the basis of the number of vacancies, age, educational qualifications, physical standards, NCC Certificates etc. of candidates. The shortlisted candidates will be issued call-up letters directly by ZRO to appear for screening at a given venue near their places of residence at a specified date and time. When the candidates arrive, they are put through the recruitment process in the following order:-

- (i) *Educational Qualifications:* Documents are checked to ascertain the educational qualifications of the candidates and their dates of birth.
- (ii) *Physical Measurements:* These are taken to ensure the prescribed eligibility standards.
- (iii) *Physical Efficiency Test:* Candidates who measures upto the laid down physical standards are then put through various physical efficiency tests.
- (iv) *Medical Examination:* Candidates are classified as 'Fit' or 'Temporary Unfit' or 'Unfit' by the Recruiting Medical Officer. "Temporary Unfit" and "Unfit"

candidates are apprised of the causes of their rejection. Such candidates are required to report at the designated Military Hospital, if they so desire, for remedial treatment/ Appeal against the finding of the Recruiting Medical Officer.

- (v) *Written Test:* Written Test is held on fixed days and time throughout the country.

- (vi) *Interviews/Aptitude Tests:* For certain categories like Religious Teachers, JCO (Catering) and Havildar (Education), Interviews/ aptitude tests are also held.

- (viii) *Merit List:* Finally, a Merit List of the successful candidates is prepared.

- (viii) *Enrolment and Despatch:* The candidates in the merit list are enrolled and despatched to the Training Centres according to available vacancies.

2. The question papers at the Written Tests are set both in English and Hindi. The candidates have the option to either answer in English or in Hindi. However, in the categories of Clerks and Havildar (Education), a part of the question paper meant to test the knowledge of English is in English and the answers are required to be written in English only. Regional languages are not allowed in the written examinations for recruitment.

3. The procedure followed for recruitment of Airmen is as given below:-

Recruitment of airmen in the IAF is made on the basis of a written test followed with a trade allocation test. Question are of objective type. Applications are called from candidates all over India twice a year for Technical as well as Non-Technical trades. Medium of examination is English for Technical trades. For Non-Technical Trades, question papers are set both in Hindi and English.

4. Recruitment of officers in the Armed Forces is through the UPSC as well as by direct recruitment through the Services Selection Boards. Medium of examination for officers in English.

[English]

#### **Exports of Woollen Products**

4774. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
SHIR R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage exports of woollen products;

(b) if so, the target fixed for the export of woollen products during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether any long terms plan is pro-

posed to drawn up or strategy is proposed to be adopted to increase woollen exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d). The Government is encouraging the export of woollen products. Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council is the nodal organisation to promote the export of these products. The Council draws various plans and strategies for promoting the exports to potential markets. The strategy includes developing of new markets and new production centres sponsoring of sales-cum-study teams, participation in exhibitions abroad. A target of US \$ 781 million has been fixed for export of woollen products at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

#### **Figures of Net Savings**

4775. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:  
SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of country's net savings issued by the Reserve Bank of India vis-a-vis the figures issued by the Central Statistical Organisation in January 1991; and

(b) the reasons for divergence in the figures, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The figures of country's net savings estimated by the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Statistical Organisation (in February 1991) for selected years are indicated below: